(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Dreaded disease kills one in M.P." appearing in the Hindustan Times dated August 16,1991;

(b) if so, whether a new dreaded disease 'Kaposi Sarcome' which is found only in Africa has reached the country and is believed to be incurable;

(c) if so, the number of persons who have so far died due to this disease;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to send a team of expert doctors to Madhya Pradesh to find out the exact cause of the disease; and

(e) the steps, the Union Government propose to take to check the spread of this disease in Madhya Pradesh and other neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Kaposi's Sarcoma has been reported sporadically from various countries of the world. However, its incidence is highest in African countries and U.S.A This disease is responsive to drugs and can be cured through proper treatment.

(d) and (e). The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have sought all the details of the case of Shri Ganesh Somvar for reviewing the diagnosis and taking further appropriate action.

National Literacy Year

[*Translation*]

*739. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1990 was celebrated as National Literacy Yea:;

(b) if so, the number of persons covered during this period and the target fixed for the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to associate literacy with rural employment, agricultural development, farm- labourer training and health awareness;

(d) if so, the details made during the last three yeas in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken for achieving cent percent literacy and the details of expenditure to be incurred thereon during the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The year 1990 was observed as the International Literacy Year.

(b) A statement showing state-wise the number of persons reported to have been enrolled in the adult education programme during 1990-91 is attached. Besides, total literacy campaigns covering about 20.00 million illiterates were also initiated in 42 districts during that year. Though no specific target has been fixed for the current year, it is proposed to cover 25-30 additional districts under the total literacy campaigns during 1991-92, besides implementation of the ongoing centre based programmes in an area approach mode.

(c) & (d). The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to the adult illiterates which implies that apart from the learners, achieving self-reliance in liter-

acy and numeracy, they also become aware of the causes of their deprivation and move towards amelioration of their conditions through organisation and participation in the process of development. It is in this context that high priority is accorded to effective linkage of the adult education programme with the programmes of other development departments. Studies have shown that successful literacy programmes have been accompanied by overall improvement in the liliving conditions of the persons and the neo-literates have made a significant contribution in the development process with their increased awareness and improved functional capability.

(e) Universalisation of elementary education, including the programme of non-formal education and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group by 1995 form an integral part of a larger programme for eradication of illiteracy in the country. During the current financial year, a budgetary provision of 120.00 crores and Rs. 287.30 crores has been made in the central sector for adult education and elementary education programmes respectively. The amount of assistance which will be provided to different states/UTs out of this provision would depend on the projects to be approved in each case. Besides, an outlay of Rs. 58.75 crores for adult education and Rs. 749.43 crores for elementary education has been tentatively approved in the state sector for 1991-92.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*States UTs*	*Enrolled during 1990-91*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	695643
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	34651
3.	Assam	367300
4.	Goa	941254
5.	Gujarat	6197
6.	Bihar	432927
7.	Haryana	Discontinued
8.	Himachal Pradesh	53011
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	75357
10.	Karnataka	323300
11.	Kerala	100% Literate

Sl. No.	*States UTs*	*Enrolled during 1990-91*
1	*2*	*3*
12.	Madhya Pradesh	724907
13.	Maharashtra	843306
14.	Manipur	59241
15.	Meghalaya	5326
16.	Mizoram	28799
17.	Nagaland	15541
18.	Orissa	850000
19.	Punjab	157848
20.	Rajasthan	510655
21.	Sikkim	6963
22.	Tamilnadu	681890
23.	Tripura	48601
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1996897
25.	West Bengal	209351
26.	A & N Islands	9017
27.	Chandigarh	7642
28.	D & N Haveli	4500
29.	Daman & Diu	1135
30.	Delhi	66913
31.	Lakshadweep	1019
32.	Pondicherry	6683